



Informing Change: A Review of Events and Issues of the 2012 Elections Cycle *EAC Roundtable Discussion*

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Agenda

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| 9:00am – 10:30am | Panel I: Election Field Workers and Officials |
| 10:30am – 10:45am | Morning Break |
| 10:45am – 12:15pm | Panel II: Advocates, Academics, Researchers, and Media |
| 12:15pm – 1:30pm | Lunch Break |
| 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Panel III: Local Election Officials |
| 3:00pm – 3:15pm | Afternoon Break |
| 3:15pm – 4:30pm | Panel IV: State Election Officials |
| 4:30pm – 5:00pm | Summarization |

Participants

Moderator: Merle King, Executive Director, Georgia's Center for Election Systems, Kennesaw State University.

Panel I: Election Field Workers and Officials

- Jessica Myers, Maricopa County, Arizona
- Steven Graham, District of Columbia
- Lorena Bow, District of Columbia
- Lorenza McCann, District of Columbia
- Mary Heinze, District of Columbia
- Alisha Alexander, Prince George's County, Maryland
- Clyde B. Davis, Sr., Prince George's County, Maryland
- Megan Dillon, Arlington County, Virginia
- Sharmili Edwards, Commonwealth of Virginia

Panel II: Advocates, Academics, Researchers, and Media

- Barbara Arnwine, President & Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Jennie Drage Bowser, Senior Fellow, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Jim Dickson, Former Vice President of Organizing & Civic Engagement, The American Association of People with Disabilities
- Elisabeth MacNamara, President, League of Women Voters of the United States
- R. Michael Alvarez, Ph.D., Professor, Division of the Humanities & Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology
- Don Rehill, Director of Election Research and Vote Tabulation, Associated Press
- Paul Gronke, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Reed College
- Dorothy Brizill, Executive Director, DCWatch

Panel III: Local Election Officials

- Lance Gough, Executive Director, Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago
- Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Los Angeles County
- Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director, New York City Board of Elections
- Pamela Green Perkins, Administrative Manager, New York City Board of Elections
- Mark Wolosik, Elections Division Manager, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
- Pat McDonald, Interim Director, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, Ohio
- Betty Weimer, Prince William County General Registrar, Virginia

Panel IV: State Election Officials

- Robert F. Giles, Director, New Jersey Division of Elections
- Christopher M. Thomas, Director of Elections, Michigan Secretary of State's Office
- Clifford D. Tatum, Executive Director, D.C. Board of Elections & Ethics
- R. Doug Lewis, Executive Director, The Election Center

Discussion Questions

These are questions (divided by panel segment) the moderator is likely to pose to the designated panel. Depending on the direction of the discussion and time limitations, all questions may not be asked. These questions are provided to give the panelists the opportunity to further prepare for the discussion and to inform the public, including election officials, about likely topics.

Panel I: Poll Workers and End Users

1. From your perspective as a _____, what operational and administrative issues caught your attention in the November election?
2. Were these unanticipated? Why or why not?
3. What were the contributing causes for these issues?
4. How relevant was the training for poll workers in your precinct(s)? Did it address the issues you observed? How current was the training?
5. Was the precinct compliant with state and federal accessibility requirements?
6. What were the most common complaints and/or observations from voters?
7. Did you observe any issues with the voting equipment? Were the issues resolved?
8. Was the problem escalation policy used in your jurisdiction used? Was it effective?

Panel II: Advocates, Academics, Researchers, and Media

1. From your perspective as a _____, what operational and administrative issues caught your attention in the November election?
2. Were these unanticipated? Why or why not?
3. What were the contributing causes for these issues?
4. Researchers and advocacy groups assist the election community by identifying problems or potential problems with election administration policies and procedures. Given the issues that occurred in November, which, if any were predicted?
5. Were the issues in November the result of a lack of mitigating strategies and procedures, or the ineffective application of existing strategies and procedures?
6. Data collection has been an ongoing challenge in election administration research. Are there any issues that occurred in November for which there is an abundance of data to collect?
7. The election communities understanding of accessibility issues is evolving. Were there new accessibility issues that were highlighted by the November election?

Panel III & IV: State and Local Election Officials

1. From your perspective as a _____, what operational and administrative issues caught your attention in the November election?
2. Were these unanticipated? Why or why not?
3. What were the contributing causes for these issues?
4. In hindsight, what could have/ should have been done differently in preparation for the 2012 elections?
5. A process of continuous improvement must not only look at what went wrong, but also highlight what went right. What are some of the successes of November election?
6. The sustainability of voting systems has been a recurring theme at election administration meetings and conferences. How well did the equipment perform? What issues were identified for further research and resolution?
7. To what extent did redistricting and voter registration issues impact advanced and election-day operations?
8. Do swing states / battleground states have different issues in election administration?